



Partnering Community Development and Environmental Protection

Environmental Assistance Office fact sheet

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Community development can sometimes run headlong into environmental protection. That need not happen. In fact, the most sustainable, economically productive, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sound development considers the environmental effects of every development option. Sound development will choose the best environmental option whenever possible.

The key to considering the environmental and financial effects of various development options is simple. You need to **know** the environmental effects of each option, their financial implications and the regulations governing them. Several environmental funding programs are prime funding sources for community development. If you don't know these things, you need to know **who** to call to find them.

These are some of the players involved in community development and environmental control. The list and descriptions are not exhaustive.

Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Assistance Office
(573) 526-6627 or 1-800-361-4827

Local government assistance, financial
assistance, environmental control and permitting

Department of Economic Development
(573) 751-4146

Community development block grants,
industrial development grants and loans, and
emergency loans

USDA Rural Development
(573) 876-0995

Rural community development grants
and loans

Regional planning commissions

Development project planning, organization and
management assistance

Midwest Assistance Program
1-800-822-2981

Training, environmental and community
development projects, system troubleshooting

Missouri Rural Water Association
(573) 474-6990

Training, water and wastewater systems
troubleshooting, member services

University of Missouri
Community Development
(573) 882-8359

Development planning, organization and
management assistance



Environmental Improvement and
Energy Resources Authority
(573) 751-4919

Bond financing

Rural Electric Cooperatives

Water and wastewater services

Investment banking community

Bond, lease and other financing products

Consulting engineers

Project design and construction management

The local government assistance unit of Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Assistance Office provides planning, organization, finance acquisition, and facilities troubleshooting assistance to all types of municipalities. We assist communities in whatever way necessary to help them achieve pollution prevention, environmental protection and environmental improvement goals. Lacking enforcement responsibilities, the Local Government Assistance Unit just provides information, assistance and training to communities to enable them to comply with environmental requirements and proactively protect the environment.

The staff of the Local Government Assistance Unit has broad environmental and municipal finance expertise and is able to help most communities directly and immediately. Those issues we cannot address directly, we can network with other agencies and entities to resolve. We provide no financial assistance directly; however, we assist communities in locating and qualifying for financial assistance.

For More Information

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